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German agents from Bonn's detection, and that even though he was not responsible for Bonn's operations in East Germany, he probably knew much about them.

Therefore officials here assume that most of Bonn's agents have had to be called in for their own protection.

"We never relied on them very much anyway," an Administration intelligence official said.

White House officials insisted that American agents in Eastern Europe were in no increased danger and were staying on the job.

Potentially Costly Data

The information that may have been turned over to East Germany by the secretary to Bonn's President might be more costly to the West as a whole, the sources said. She worked in the foreign affairs section and routinely had access to sensitive telegrams and memorandums of conversations with senior Western and American leaders. This political intelligence could have given Moscow the edge in propaganda battles and at the negotiating table.

Perhaps more worrisome still to officials here was the information that the secretary to the Economics Minister might have passed along. In Bonn, that ministry is in charge of sensitive technology, and the secretary probably had regular access to such data.

Administration officials said technology-sharing with Bonn was extensive and sophisticated. They added that they believed these arrangements, including plans to share technology with Bonn on President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative, would not be affected by the spying disclosures.

The officials noted that American administrations had always cooperated with Bonn extensively on military planning, both bilaterally and through the joint NATO commands and committees. The working assumption of the United States Government over the years has been that much of this is siphoned off to Moscow through agents in the alliance.

But the officials said they thought the damage was limited by the sheer number and levels of plans and contingencies and by the fact that real military decisions are made as the situation unfolds.

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